(b) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) A Under the "Information and Communication Technology (ICT) @ School" Scheme of the Goverment of India, launched on 15.12.2004, financial assistance upto Rs. 30,000/- per school is provided to States/UTs for internet facility in the Government and Government Aided Secondary and Senior Secondary Schools.

During 10th Five Year Plan, University Grants Commission (UGC) has launched their "UGC NETWORK RESOURCE CENTRES (UGC-NRC)" scheme under which, assistance is provided for the purchase of Computers and Internet Connectivity in colleges.

Requirement of Colleges/Universities

1264. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the existing colleges/universities in each States are able to cater to the needs of the population of their respective States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

whether the budget allocation in respect of the higher & technical education is sufficient;

if so, the details of the funds spent in higher & technical education during each of the last 3 years; and

the steps taken/proposed to be taken to improve enrolment ratio in higher education?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (e) The present rate of access to higher education in the Country for the relevant age group of 18-24 years of age, is estimated to be 8.97 percent. Apart from availability of institutions, enrolment in higher education also depends on the status of secondary education in each State. The expansion in Open and Distance Learning enables the higher education system to meet the emerging demands.

The details of budgetary allocation spent on higher and technical education during each of the last three years, are as under:—

Year	Allocation (Rs. in crore)
	Higher & Technical Education
2002-03	3132.39
2003-04	3161.73
2004-05	3540.69

In view of the priority required to be given to elementary and school education, resources available to higher education are limited. Provisions made in the Central Government's budget are primarily meant for Central Universities with only limited developmental assistance for the State Universities which are generally funded by the State Government.

The present level of enrolment of students in 349 universities including open universities and in the affiliated colleges, is approximately at 120 lakhs.

The target for enrolment in higher education during the Tenth Five Year Plan period (2002-2007) is to reach a level of 10% of the relevant age group. Expansion of capacity, improvement in quality and relevance in the conventional university system, along with strengthening the Open and Distance Learning system of education is the broad strategy adopted for increasing higher enrolment in education.

Change in names of educational institutions

1265. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

whether Government are aware that changing the name of age old educational institutions and naming them after political leaders and politicians have created lot of reactions and discontent among the public and students leading to the law and. order problems;

whether there would be an end to this practice, and

the measures proposed in this regard?